

**REMARKS**

Claims 21-28 and 30-35 remain pending in this application. Claims 29 and 36-38 have been canceled by this amendment. Each of the examined claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,539,232 to Hendrey et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,621,894 to Fujino et al.

Independent claim 21 now recites that at least one of said plurality of interface points are provided with said call connection management equipment, please see the specification at page 9, line 11-13. The connection register has a connection management table which includes the call connection information concerning call terminal ID, call terminal ID, and communication route, please see specification at page 12, lines 11-17.

According to the above features embodiments of the invention may attain an advantageous effect of decreasing the time from a call request to a call connection establishment, for example please see the specification at page 17, lines 11 and 12.

Hendrey et al. do not disclose or suggest the connection management table that includes the calling terminal ID, the called terminal ID, and the communication route as now recited in the amended claims.

Fujino et al. do not supplement Hendrey et al., to teach or suggest the claimed invention. Fujino et al. teaches that the reception history memory is included in the called terminal, and so, the called terminal is provided with the reception history memory, see col., 6, lines 24-46.

However, in the claimed invention, the connection management table corresponding to Fujino's reception history memory is included in the communication network.

Fujino's reception history memory registers only the calling terminal ID's

The claimed invention registers called terminal ID and communication route in addition to the calling terminal IDs.

In view of the above, it is clear that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully submitted.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arranged for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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